

Project Description: This project is a partnership between Western Piedmont Community College, Appalachian State University, and Western Carolina University that will train and prepare workers for jobs in the health care industry. Individuals will be able to earn bachelor's degrees in nursing, social work, recreational therapy, laboratory sciences, or health care management and receive training in professional skills development and certification courses.

Project 4: Capacity Building for Asset-Based Economies in Western North Carolina

Applicant: The Conservation Fund

Serves: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Davie, Forsyth, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Stokes, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin and Yancey counties

Amount Funded by ARC: \$100,000 of \$227,900 total cost

Project Description: This grant will fund 12 or more seed grants supporting asset-based development to community based organizations with a focus on entrepreneurial opportunities, supplemental income generation, and job creation and retention. This grant will also fund two technical assistance workshops on grant writing skills and three leadership development workshops to further promote community development.

Project 5: Wastewater Treatment Plant Replacement

Applicant: Town of Crossnore

Serves: Avery County

Amount Funded by ARC: \$300,000 of \$747,750 total cost

Project Description: This grant will help fund the replacement of the Town of Crossnore's wastewater treatment plant, which has deteriorated to the point that it is now failing to reach state standards. If the plant is not replaced, there is a possibility of a sewage spill.

Project 6: Graham County Health Clinic

Applicant: Graham County

Serves: Graham County

Amount Funded by ARC: \$52,300 of \$117,300 total cost